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Only 8% in the province have signed up on the official list

Elizabeth Cameron
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Are you an organ and tissue donor?

Nearly three years after Alberta created an organ donor registry, only eight per cent of Albertans have officially registered to donate.

"Before the registry was created in 2014, we don't know how many people indicated their consent by signing the back of their health card. That was one of the reasons the registry was created," said Alberta Health Services (AHS) spokeswoman Carolyn Ziegler.

Since the provincial govern-

ment announced an online organ donation registry in 2014, more than 250,000 Albertans have signed up to potentially give the ultimate gift, according to AHS.

The vast majority — 93 per cent — were asked by a motor registry agent to while renewing their driver's licences.

The other seven per cent of those people signed up online.

More than 600 people in Alberta are currently waiting for an organ transplant. Kidneys have the longest wait list.

Experts aren't seeing the registry make a big difference yet on the wait times.

"Our numbers have increased slightly since the registry has come on board. But I don't think it's made a lot of impact yet," said Sharon Hovey, manager of the Southern Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Program.

"The number of Albertans who have registered is continuing to rise, but the majority have not," she added.



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Syrian refugee loses his long battle with cancer

COMMUNITY MOURNS

Majd Tahhouf was one of the first to arrive in Calgary

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One of the first Syrian refugees to arrive in Calgary passed away after a six-year battle with cancer on Saturday, leaving his wife and two young children behind.

Majd Tahhouf and his wife, Yasmin Hijazi, came to Canada two years ago with their children Waleed and Amar.

When they arrived, they had almost no possessions, and Tahhouf was in desperate need of medical treatment for his lung and nose cancer.

After meeting Tahhouf and his family in 2015, Saima Jamal and Sam Nammoura were able to find the family a home and furnish it within two weeks, and subsequently became inspired to co-found the Syrian Refugee Support Group (SRSG).

Calgarians generously donated toys, beds, laptops, and much more to the refugee family.

At the time, Tahhouf called Jamal and Nammoura his "angels of mercy."

"It's not a good day for any of us. We've helped so many refugees but this was special, this was the first family that we helped," said Jamal.



Majd Tahhouf, left, in a 2015 photo with his wife Yasmin Hijazi and their two children, Waleed and Amar, at his home in Calgary when they first moved in two years ago. At the time, Waleed and Amar were ages 3 and 1, respectively. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

"It's not just a death for their family, it's a death for the entire community," she added.

The 29-year-old father died at home, surrounded by his family — including his parents, who arrived in Canada only two months ago.

After years of suffering, Jamal believes Tahhouf was waiting to see his parents join him in his new home before he could let go.

"About a week of their arrival, he took a nose dive and never came back," said Jamal.

During her last visit with him, she could tell her friend

was in agony.

"I could see how much pain he was feeling just to breathe," Jamal said.

She prayed his suffering would end soon, especially now that he could be surrounded by all of his loved ones.

"The next thing you know, I'm getting the calls saying he has passed away."

Jamal said Tahhouf was a critical figure in the SRSG and surrounding community.

"Majd was amazing. He was always there, even while he was so sick," Jamal said.

After his death, Calgarians

have shown that they haven't forgotten about Tahhouf and his family.

A GoFundMe set up by Jamal has raised more than \$50,000 in less than 24 hours.

The money will be used to keep Hijazi and her children, aged 4 and 2, out of poverty, according to Jamal.

"People are really rallying behind this family, they want to ensure they don't fall through the cracks and become a struggle after so many years of suffering," she said, adding that she is amazed by the generosity of Calgarians.

STONEY NAKODA FIRST NATION

Wanted suspect shot dead by RCMP

Michael Lumsden
For Metro | Calgary

A suspect wanted on a Canada-wide warrant was shot and killed by RCMP on the Stoney Nakoda First Nation on Saturday evening.

Police say on Jan. 7, the Major Crimes Unit and RCMP Emergency Response Team went to a home on the Stoney Nakoda First Nation to serve warrants in relation to the death of Lorenzo Bearspaw.

His body had been found on the Stoney Nakoda First Nation by Police Dog Services on Jan. 6.

When police arrived at the home, one of the suspects was arrested without incident, but the second suspect engaged police and shots were fired.

RCMP have confirmed that Ralph Stephens was transported to hospital but died from injuries sustained in the shooting.

ASIRT has been brought in to investigate the shooting incident.

RCMP Chief Supt. Tony Hamori was unable to provide any detail about the shooting incident itself but said in the leadup to the incident, the investigation was moving quickly.

"It is my understanding investigators were speaking to witnesses and moving the investigation forward," he said. "They (investigators) obviously got it to the point where we could get arrest warrants for three individuals."

Police also arrested Ralph's brother John Stephens at the home. A third suspect, 22-year-old Deangelo Powderface, turned himself in to police Sunday evening. Both men face first-degree murder charges.

Hamori said the scene could be held for some time, as he believes several witnesses still need to be spoken to. He adds resources will be on site until the investigation is complete.

The officer involved in the shooting is currently off active duty.

IN BRIEF

Dog and cat found inside freezing storage locker

The Calgary Police Service and the Calgary Humane Society are investigating after a dog and cat were found caged and locked inside a freezing storage locker on Friday. Police said they received the call to Access Storage in the 4800 block of 80 Ave S.E. around 11 a.m. Friday, and found the animals.

MICHAEL LUMSDEN/FOR METRO

Campaign raises \$8,000 for boy attacked by dogs

The family of a little boy who was attacked by two dogs last week have started a GoFundMe page to help with medical expenses. According to the child's family, he underwent emergency surgery to repair the damage from over 100 bites. The campaign had raised over \$8,000 as of Sunday night. METRO

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Saddledome goes pink for ninth annual HockeyFest

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For some, it was a chance to sharpen their skills on the ice. For others, it was their first experience between the blue lines.

Dressed in a pink jersey and cage-helmet, Kennedy Collier, 8, hit the ice as a hockey player for the first time on Sunday, alongside 299 other young girls at the ninth-annual Scotiabank Girls HockeyFest.

"She wanted to come out and try hockey to see if she liked it, and what better way than surround her with girls (who

have) similar interests," said Doug Collier, Kennedy's father.

Kennedy said she likes watching her older brother's hockey games.

Now it's her turn to lace-up and play.

"The one difference is he's a goal-tender, and Kennedy wants to score the goals," Collier said.

To him, the Girls HockeyFest is important because the young girls aren't being measured against their male-counterparts.

"They have the same passion for the game (as the boys), but I think that passion grows more if they're in their own peer environment," Collier said.

Girls HockeyFest is a free event, and led across Canada by women's hockey star and Scotiabank spokeswoman Cassie Campbell-Pascall.

Campbell-Pascall, who happens to be married to one of the Calgary Flames' assistant general managers, Brad Pas-

call, was the captain of the Canadian women's national ice hockey team at the 2002 and 2006 Winter Olympics.

She was the first woman to do colour-commentary on a Hockey Night in Canada broadcast after she retired from competitive hockey in 2006.

Campbell-Pascall's love of hockey, like Kennedy's, was ignited by a sibling.

Growing up, her older brother's team had a sole female player, who showed Campbell-Pascall that girls could skate with the boys.

"I wanted to be like her and my older brother," Campbell-Pascall recalled.

During her hockey career, Campbell-Pascall has faced plenty of dismissal because of her gender.

"People have told me I shouldn't play, (...) that I wasn't qualified to talk about hockey," she said.

Her message for the girls at HockeyFest was simple.

"No matter man or woman, you have to walk into situations and believe you belong, have a respect for yourself and work hard," she said.

"No matter man or woman, you have to walk into situations and believe you belong."

Cassie Campbell-Pascall



Hockey star Cassie Campbell-Pascall takes to the ice with the young athletes she coached at the Saddledome. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

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New head of Calgary Police Commission outlines plans



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

The man who now sits at the head of the Calgary Police Commission table says he's ready to help lead the Calgary Police Service through their current challenges.

Brian Thiessen, the new CPC chair, is a lawyer and a partner at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP. Thiessen's work focuses on employment and labour issues, including employment arrangements, workplace investigations, privacy law matters, employment disputes, and human rights complaints.

In a sit-down interview with Metro, Thiessen talked about how he plans to lead the CPC in their efforts to support Chief Roger Chaffin through issues in the force such as workplace bullying and harassment, making changes to the Police Act and conducting a review into the increased number of officer-involved shootings in 2016.

WORKPLACE CULTURE

In 2016 the Calgary Police Service (CPS) found themselves under a microscope after a 2013 internal audit came to light indicating issues of bullying and harassment within the force — something Thiessen is already addressing with the CPC and CPS executive.



Brian Thiessen, the newly appointed chair of the Calgary Police Commission, hopes his expertise in workplace law and human rights complaints will help him lead the CPC. ELIZABETH CAMERON / FOR METRO

"The starting point is there has to be an independent objective person that can take in complaints," he said. "If you're a member of a minority group, have gender issue, whatever your issue is, you have to have the ability to go to an independent objective person on an anonymous basis as possible, be able to complain."

At the last CPC meeting, Thiessen and the commission presented a seven-point plan to the CPS which includes hiring an independent third party to be in that position, as well as having an external expert address rec-

ommendations from the 2013 review, and offering training to all members in consultation with the Calgary Police Association, on the promotion of job placement policies and human-rights accommodation policy.

"That's an example of the strategic direction we want the CPS to take and goal posts we're going to measure them by," he said. "That allows us to influence what they do."

POLICE ACT

In 2016 Chaffin raised numerous concerns about the police act and the limits it puts on a

chief or service and how they deal with specific issues.

One such issue was raised when it came to light a CPS member had been on paid suspension for nearly eight years, raking in around 800K during his suspension.

Thiessen said he believes the commission plays a role in helping the chief raise his concerns and helping to push for reforms to the act.

"There are four bodies that play a role in reforming the police act, most importantly the province because it's provincial legislation," he said.

"I know they're interested in reforming it, but it's a massive undertaking."

Thiessen said the statute is very dated, and in a perfect world there would be a total overhaul, but until that time he said they will help the chief pinpoint issues (such as paid suspensions).

"There are specific clauses in the police act that we can narrow down to what effectively allows us to deal with employee issues," he said. "So what we're working on is bringing forward a small suite of changes to the act that we can bring forward to the Minister of Justice."

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

Over the course of 2016 there were 10 officer-involved shootings in Calgary — something that has caused alarm and raised questions for citizens.

Further, the investigative body in charge of looking into these cases, ASIRT, often takes a year or more to complete their investigation — leaving the officers involved and citizens in the lurch, wondering if the actions were appropriate.

Thiessen said ASIRT's role is to get down to the nitty-gritty of individual issues — which takes some time — which allows the commission not to focus on each complaint until they have the facts.

"That's really important so that we don't have a knee jerk reaction," he said.

"ASIRT does their job, and then it comes back to us, but the good thing that Chief Chaffin is doing is that he isn't waiting for ASIRT to be done until he does something."

Thiessen said the chief has requested an independent review of the service on their practices and policies regarding officer-involved shootings.

"For the commission, that is something we can be involved in," he said.

The chief has spoken with us about it and the Justice Minister about it, and anything we can do to help him get that review, we will do."

Thiessen said CPS is in the midst of finding somebody (maybe a judge or a university) to conduct the review, and said he expects CPS to update on that process at the CPC meeting later this month.

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Cemetery searches for an artist-in-residence



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Here's an eerily good opportunity: The City of Edmonton is giving one artist the chance of a lifetime — to work among the dead.

The Edmonton Arts Council has put out a call for applications to be the first artist-in-residence hosted by City of Edmonton Cemeteries.

The chosen artist will get to work on art in local cemeteries as a full-time job for six months, with a primary studio space on the second floor of a building at Mount Pleasant.

While some might find the space unnerving, Teena Changarathil, supervisor of cemetery sales and operations with the city, said it could be inspiring.

"It's very historic. A lot of what we do with cemeteries is we have beautiful parkland,

and it's really a warm and inviting place," Changarathil said.

"Once you get past the initial cemetery part of it and actually focus in on the area and the work that we do and our staff and the customers that we work with on a regular basis, the sombreness kind of fades away and the comfort and connections and history comes to light."

Some bodies buried in Edmonton's Mount Pleasant cemetery date back to the 1800s.

The building that houses the studio space sits on one of the city's highest geographical points, and also holds administrative offices and niches for cremated remains.

The selected artist will develop a "body" of work throughout their residency and will showcase their final products with an exhibition at an undetermined location.

They will also engage with staff by offering art workshops and other interactive projects.



Teena Changarathil calls the plan "historic." KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO



Dominic Coballe wearing one of the T-shirts he designed about Ottawa's image problem. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Ottawa's self-esteem issue worn on sleeve

CULTURE

Fun take on T-shirt slogan sparks debate



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Could Ottawa eventually become a major cultural hub — the Portland of Canada? Maybe, says de-

signer Dominic Coballe, but first they need to deal with their self-esteem problem.

Coballe, co-founder N-Product, is promoting those conversations in 2017 with a tongue-in-cheek art project: a black shirt that reads "Ottawa vs. Itself."

The T-shirt is a take on a project in Detroit, where graphic designer Tommy Walker created T-shirts with the slogan: "Detroit vs. Everybody." A similar design in Toronto sparked a copyright

war in 2015. Coballe was discussing the shirts with friends last summer when he made an honest joke about Ottawa.

"Ottawa could never get away with an Ottawa vs. Everybody. It would more likely be Ottawa vs. Itself. We're our own worst enemies," he said. "Whether you were raised here or you're a transplant, you kind of get that vibe: We don't think we're cool enough."

Coballe Photoshopped a mockup of the design and, after posting the image on Facebook, there was such a demand for T-shirts that Coballe decided to print a run as an art project.

"A lot of people loved it. Some people were like, 'What does it mean? Are you taking a swipe at Ottawa?'" he said. Whether you get the joke or not, Coballe said he's hoping it gets people talking about the city.

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Truck attack kills four

A Palestinian truck driver on Sunday rammed his vehicle into a crowd of Israeli soldiers at a Jerusalem tourist spot, killing four and wounding 17 in the deadliest single attack in more than a year. The attack came at a time when Palestinians have warned of consequences if Donald Trump moves the U.S. Embassy to the city.

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Lord (of the Rings) hear my prayer

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

A Brazilian woman claimed a late entrant to the "funniest discovery of 2016" after learning an elderly relative had been unknowingly praying daily to a Lord of the Rings tchotchke.

Gabriela Brandao, a beautician from Florianapolis, had a hunch something was amiss with what a great-grand-

mother thought was a figurine of a Catholic saint.

"My daughter's great-grandmother prays to this figure of San Antonio every day," Brandao wrote on Facebook. "But looking closer..."

Such an inspection revealed the figure's finery had more of an environmentalist bent, which is more indicative of Elrond, the half-elf Lord of Rivendell and not in fact Saint Anthony, the patron saint of lost things.



Something seemed off about a Brazilian woman's Saint Anthony figurine. FACEBOOK



Police patrol Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport a day after Esteban Santiago's alleged shooting spree. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Questions swirling in Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE

Iraq veteran charged in the deaths of five people

Florida airport shooting suspect Esteban Santiago, facing federal charges that could potentially result in a death sentence, has his first court hearing Monday.

Santiago, a 26-year-old Iraq war veteran from Anchorage, Alaska, is charged with committing violence against people at an international airport resulting in death and with two firearms offences. The hearing Monday is only the beginning of what will likely be a lengthy journey through the federal court system following the shooting at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport that killed five people and wounded six others.

HOW LIKELY IS THE DEATH PENALTY?

Although the charges carry a potential death sentence, the Justice Department will decide later whether to pursue that penalty assuming Santiago is convicted. Many other issues

can come into play, such as whether he decides to plead guilty or go to trial. Guilty pleas usually do not result in death sentences.

DOES SANTIAGO HAVE A DEFENCE?

Uphill at best. There are dozens of witnesses to the shooting and the FBI said in an affidavit that he told agents in a post-arrest interview how he planned the attack, what weapon he brought with him to Florida, how he loaded the gun from his checked luggage in an airport bathroom and came out firing. There is also video surveillance of the shooting and its aftermath. Santiago was arrested after running out of ammunition and lying spread-eagle on the floor until a deputy took him in to custody, his 9mm handgun nearby.

WHAT ABOUT MENTAL ISSUES?

Santiago's attorney can ask for a mental competency evaluation to determine if he is fit to stand trial. It's a fairly high standard for any defendant to escape criminal charges because of mental problems because many defendants understand the difference between right and wrong. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Trump accepts U.S. hacked by Russia: Aide

POLITICS

President-elect has expressed skepticism on Putin's role

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's incoming chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said Sunday that Trump has accepted that Russia was responsible for the

Democratic National Committee and a top aide to former rival Hillary Clinton.

"He's not denying that entities in Russia were behind this particular campaign," Priebus said in a television interview Sunday.

That's more than Trump himself has said. As for potential retaliation, aides said those are decisions that Trump will make after he becomes president on Jan. 20.

Intelligence officials allege that Moscow directed a series of hacks in order to help Trump win the White House in the race against Clinton. Trump has expressed skepticism about Russia's role and declined to say whether he agrees that the meddling was done on his behalf.

In an interview after a briefing on the findings, Trump said he "learned a lot" from his discussions with intelligence officials, but he declined to say

whether he accepted their assertion about Russia's motives. Trump has said that improving relations with Russia would be a good thing and that only "stupid" people would disagree.

"My suspicion is these hopes will be dashed pretty quickly," said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "The Russians are clearly a big adversary. And they demonstrated it by trying to mess around in our election." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Donald Trump, right, has been skeptical that Vladimir Putin's Russia meddled in the recent U.S. election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GETTY IMAGES

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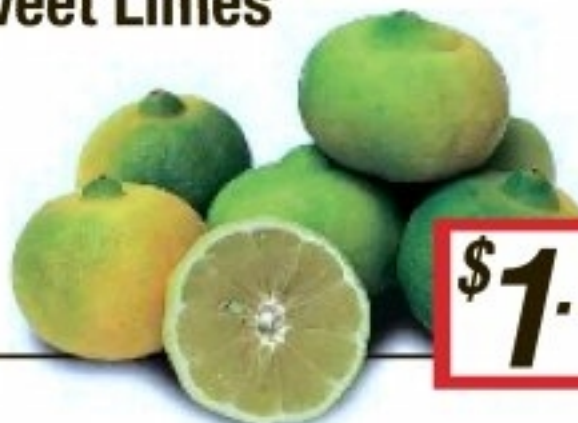
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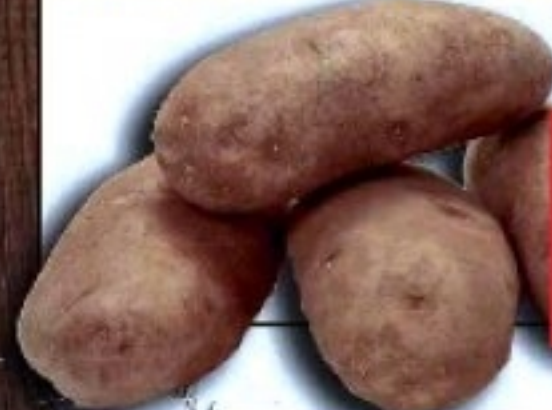
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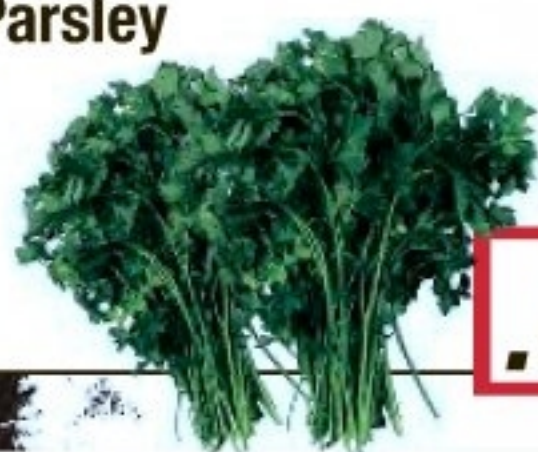
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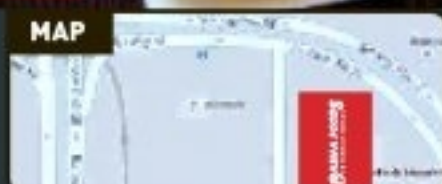


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THE QUESTION Should I lie my way out of being bridesmaid to my husband's best friend's fiancée who I don't like?

Dear Ellen,
My husband's best friend got engaged over Christmas, and now his fiancée asked me to be her bridesmaid. I don't want to do it. I've already been a bridesmaid four times this year. I don't like her. I tried to put her off by politely declining the "honour" but she won't accept no for an answer. It's so much work and expense even when you like the person. My current plan is to lie my way out of it. Advice?

Reluctant Bridesmaid

Dear Reluctant Bridesmaid,
Hmmm, I'm thinking The Reluctant Bridesmaid would be an excellent title for a horror movie. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

With the bare facts you have supplied, I would say you owe this person nothing, and that a firm "thank you but I really must say no" is a more-than-acceptable way to get out of it.

I would also condone a big fat fake excuse, as I believe that lying one's face off to get out of certain (but not all) situations in order to avoid hurting someone's feelings is also completely acceptable.

The problem here is that your husband is a liability. If he's the groom's best friend, he will no doubt attend the wedding, and possibly even act as best man. Which would make him a conspicuous presence at the proceed-

If she's marrying your husband's best friend, you have to take the men's relationship into account.



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ings. Which means you can't pretend to have a terrible disease, or a dying relative, or that you are on a dangerous intergalactic mission to save the world, without making him look like a total d— for blowing you off to attend the nuptials.

As for telling the brutal truth, you may not care what the fiancée thinks of you. But if she's marrying your husband's best friend, you have to take the men's relationship into account.

Ideally, the two of them will socialize and do guy things without involving you womenfolk for the rest of their lives. (And I have to

say, the old-fashioned habit of forced double-dating between couples is a tradition that deserves to die ASAP.)

But if there's any chance the best friend would be hurt by your refusal to join the wedding party, or that his hurt feelings might affect your husband's friendship with him, you must take that into account.

It doesn't mean you need to submit to emotional blackmail and agree to trot up the aisle with Bridezilla. It just means you have to discuss it with your husband, and work something out. Maybe he'll agree the guilt-trip bridesmaid gig is

a lot of expense and trouble that's too much to ask, and you'll both agree to find a way out of it, regardless of what his best friend thinks. Or maybe he'll feel it's important to his friend, and ask you to suck it up — at which point you will have to make up your own mind what to do.

Whatever your choice, make sure your own precious marriage doesn't get sacrificed on the wedding altar of people you don't care about at all.

Need advice?
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VICKY MOCHAMA



Canada will party while indigenous kids are denied services

For the vast portion of Canadian history, indigenous communities have been stripped of their rights. Underfunding students, bickering over health costs, and allowing children to slip into child welfare cracks is how those rights continue to be abridged.

According to a report last week in the Globe and Mail, over the next year, the federal government plans to spend nearly half a billion dollars on Canada 150. While some of that money will go towards promoting truth and reconciliation, spending millions on a party while indigenous children, families and communities fight for equitable services is a hypocrisy.

Last week, the Toronto Star reported that the Assembly of First Nations and First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada filed a motion to the human rights tribunal asking for the federal government to be found guilty. One year ago, the tribunal ordered the government to comply with Jordan's Principle, a law enacted in 2007. The motion alleges that they have failed to heed the tribunal's orders.

Jordan's Principle requires the government to take a child-first approach to providing services to all First Nations children. The government that is first contacted — be it federal or provincial — takes on the cost of a child's services and seeks to solve jurisdictional issues only after those services have first been paid for.

The law is meant to ensure that all indigenous children

receive equal access to government services with the same level of service that non-indigenous children do.

In education, for example, there are significant gaps between what indigenous students on-reserve receive versus provincially funded students. (Education is a provincial responsibility, except in the case of First Nations children living on-reserve.)

A report last month from the parliamentary budget office found shortfalls in what Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provided for students on-reserve and what their provincial counterpart receive. In their estimation, the funding shortfall between what INAC paid for and what the various provinces would be between \$336 million and \$665 million in 2016-2017.

The human rights tribunal case — and many others — is evidence of an ongoing process of depriving indigenous children of equitable and humane services.

Organizations like First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada are continually forced to sue the government to provide for services that are standard and sacrosanct for non-indigenous children.

The most recent federal budget provides \$3.7 billion in funding for indigenous students over the next five years. But too much of that money won't be seen for a few years yet. Generations of indigenous children will be lost in the meantime.

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'When the powerful use their position to bully others, we all lose'

GOLDEN GLOBES

Meryl Streep speech delivers takedown of Donald Trump

In accepting her speech for a lifetime achievement award at Sunday night's Golden Globes, Meryl Streep used the opportunity to criticize U.S. president-elect Donald Trump.

"When the powerful use their position to bully others, we all lose," said Streep, referencing Trump's mocking of a reporter with a disability.

The seasoned actress also gave an ode to her fellow actors in a changing Hollywood, referencing the diverse cultural backgrounds of Dev Patel, Ruth Negga and others. (Even Ryan Gosling received mention for being Canadian.) She used that as an opportunity to take a shot at Trump's intolerant stance when it comes to immigration.

"Hollywood is crawling with outsiders and foreigners and if you kick them all out, you'll have nothing to watch but football and mixed martial arts, which are not the arts," Streep said to loud applause.

La La Land came into the Golden Globes as the big favourite.

Damien Chazelle's Los Angeles musical, which had a leading seven nominations, won best actor for Gosling, best screenplay for Chazelle's script, best score (Justin Hurwitz) and best song for "City of Stars," and best musical or comedy film.

"This isn't the first time I've been mistaken for Ryan Reynolds," Gosling joked, looking at his fellow nominee, the Deadpool star. In one of the evening's more emotional acceptance speeches, Gosling dedicated his award to his late brother-in-law, Juan Carlos Mendes.

"While I was singing and dancing and playing piano and having one of the best experiences I've ever had on a film, my lady was raising our daughter, pregnant with our second and trying to help her brother fight his battle with cancer," said Gosling, referring to his partner, Eva Mendes.



One of the few places left where America still honours the popular vote.

Jimmy Fallon

The Golden Globes got off to a rocky start, when a broken teleprompter initially froze Fallon. "Cut to Justin Timberlake, please," implored a desperately improvising Fallon. It was the second fiasco for Globes producer Dick Clark Productions, which presented the infamous Mariah Carey flub on New Year's Eve.

The Tonight Show host started the show with a cold open ode to La La Land in a lavish sketch more typical of the Academy Awards than the Globes. Fallon did a version of the film's opening dance scene, with starry cameos from Timberlake, previous Globes host Tina Fey, Amy Adams and the white Ford Bronco of The People v. O.J. Simpson.

In a more truncated monologue, Fallon's sharpest barbs weren't directed at the stars in the room (as was the style of frequent host Ricky Gervais) but president-elect Trump. He compared Trump to the belligerent teenage king Joffrey of Games of Thrones. Fallon's first line (at least once the teleprompter was up) was introducing the Globes as "one of the few places left where America still honours the popular vote."

That, though, isn't quite true. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, a collection of 85 members, has its own meth-

ods of selecting winners. Best supporting actress winner Viola Davis, the co-star of Denzel Washington's August Wilson adaptation Fences, alluded to the group's reputation for being wine and dined.

"I took all the pictures, went to luncheon," said Davis, to knowing chuckles through the ballroom, as she clutched her award. "But it's right on time."

While Davis' march to an Oscar seems virtually assured, other picks were more idiosyncratic.

The British actor Aaron Taylor-Johnson took best supporting actor for his performance in Tom Ford's "Nocturnal Animals." It was a surprise that Taylor-Johnson was even nominated, so his win over favourites Mahersala Ali from "Moonlight" and Jeff Bridges from "Hell or High Water" was a shock.

There were expected winners, like The People v. O.J. Simpson taking best miniseries, as well as an award for Sarah Paulson.

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Sparkle and shine — Futuristic metallics were all over the red carpet. From left: Ruth Negga in Louis Vuitton, Chrissy Teigen in Marchesa, and Emma Stone in Valentino.



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Behind bright lights of fame



The late Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds lived side by side, their public and private lives indistinguishable. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds (HBO)
THE MOMENT: Scooting through the casino

Debbie Reynolds, mid-80s, is about to appear in her final stage show, in a lesser Las Vegas casino. Wearing a long black sweater and a tan knit hat, she rides a scooter across the vast casino floor.

This documentary from directors Alexis Bloom and Fisher Stevens shows us that Reynolds was one of the world's most famous women. When her husband Eddie Fisher left her for Elizabeth Taylor, the scandal made Brad/Angelina/Jennifer look pale. But in the casino, she's just another grandma; no one glances her way.

Backstage in a sequined gown that weighs more than she does, Reynolds can barely move. She shuffles gingerly to the stage entrance, a sliver of space between a potted plant and a speaker. But the minute

her toe crosses that line, her shoulders snap back, and she sashays into the spotlight — where she belongs.

I don't know if Bloom and Stevens set out to make Grey Gardens: Hollywood, but that's what they did. Bright Lights is a 94-minute meditation on fame, demonstrating that some people are built for it, and need it like they need food and drink — even if, like food and drink, some of it is bad for them.

Watching it removes some of the sting that Reynolds and her daughter Carrie Fisher recently died a day apart. They lived side by side. They had to be each other's best friends, because only they understood that their public and private lives were indistinguishable. Celebrity had permeated their DNA. It's admirable. It's pitiable. It's fascinating.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Kohler's Workin' progress

COMEDY

Portraying women with 'well-rounded problems'

Genna Buck
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Writer and stand-up comedian Rebecca Kohler has been flexing her funny bone in the writers' room of such shows as Schitt's Creek and Kim's Convenience.

Now she's working on the sitcom Workin' Moms, CBC's new, irreverent take on the quest to have it all. But before she hit it big in the world of TV, she was the resident funny lady on the Metro Views page. We caught up with her to talk about the show, how she got into the mind of a mom and the real story behind its unique title.

Tell me about the premise of this show.

There's four main characters and they all have jobs and they all have kids. That's the through line. They have very different lives, with different, well-rounded problems and perspectives. I think four different female characters, all interesting, all funny, all touching at times — you don't get a lot of room in a lot of situations to portray women like that.

How did you get involved?

My agent sent me a sizzle reel. It's almost like a trailer for what the show could look like. And I really liked it. I thought, 'these characters are interesting, the type of women I feel like I would hang out with.' And it was funny. I really connected with it. And I had an interview with Catherine Reitman (who plays the lead, Kate Foster) and Philip Sternberg (her co-star and real-life husband), who are both executive producers of the show, and about a



CBC's new comedy Workin' Moms premieres on Tuesday, Jan. 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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These are the type of women I feel like I would hang out with. Rebecca Kohler

month later I found out that they wanted to hire me.

The tone seems a little bit more tart than an average CBC comedy...

Tart is what it is. It's not vanilla. I've worked on a few CBC shows this year, and I feel like (the network) is trying to, outside of just Workin' Moms, step out of what people have come to think of as the CBC. They're trying to take more risks. There are definitely things in this show that will make the average CBC viewer be like, "What channel is this that I'm watching?"

There are other working mothers on TV. Why does this need to happen now?

It's not just about having women on TV and film. It's about having real women. These women are portrayed the way men have always been portrayed. It's (also) not just about being a mom. It's about being a woman who is like, "You can't grab me by the f—ing p—sy! Go f—k yourself!" Pardon my language.

Can you talk a little bit about the importance of the setting?

A lot of the Toronto stuff came out through the photography and directing. When Catherine and Philip looked at Toronto, they were like 'Wow, what an amazing city, we want to showcase this.' We had an email chain where Catherine would drive by graffiti, take a photo of it and say, 'We need this in the show!' I think this is a perfect mix of showcasing a world-class city but also keeping it kind of universal.

Why is it called Workin' Moms instead of Working Moms?

It was called Workin' Moms when I started, and it stayed Workin' Moms. It's because they're so busy, they don't have time to say the G! (laughs).

This interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.



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Time to get your house in order

PERSONAL FINANCE

A selection of columnist Gail Vaz-Oxlade's best advice

At the start of a new year, budgeting and savings goals are top of mind for many. Metro's editors selected their favourite pieces of advice from this past year's Gail Vaz-Oxlade columns that you may find useful. Whether you're a first-time home buyer or you just want to save for a great vacation this summer, these money management tips from Gail may help:

Clear the debt doubts

Recalculate your budget assuming your debt is gone and all that debt repayment money is yours for the keeping.

This is a great exercise for three reasons:

1. You will remind yourself of just how dumb debt is.
2. You will enjoy the anticipation

of being debt free and that will help keep you on track.

3. You can start planning what you'll do with the money once you do get to debt-free forever.

Settle the score on credit

You should understand how a credit score is calculated and the extent to which it is based on you doing the wrong thing with your credit. The very things that give you a high score — that make you a profitable customer — are completely counter to sound money management.

Despite the fact that I pay off my balance in full every month, the credit scoring system penalizes me if it randomly checks my "credit utilization" and it's up too high. No one can predict the exact point at which the credit scoring system checks a balance, so if I'm close to my limit just before I plan to pay off my balance, I'd lose points big-time.

Quit chasing a high credit score. Focus on managing your money smartly and getting to debt-free forever. Then your credit score won't matter a whit.

Map out your way

You may think your filing system is intuitive because you've gone to great pains to organize it and put things in a logical order, but the first time your partner looks at it, they'll be lost.

Create a list of what's what and where it is so that there is a roadmap your honey can follow. There's a good chance that you're counting on your awesome memory for a lot of what you do. Putting it on paper will help you to identify where there may be steps you have overlooked.

Don't give in to impulse

Emotions play a huge role in our desire to impulse-buy. If we're angry, stressed, guilty or bored, we're more likely to impulse purchase. No doubt that's why instead of buying useful or necessary stuff, impulse shoppers buy things that put them in a better mood.

That old adage "don't go shopping on an empty stomach" doesn't just apply to grocery shopping. Psychologists at the

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Creating a financial roadmap that your partner can understand and buy into is key. iStock

National University of Singapore had participants shop in a room with an unscented candle or one with a cookie-scented candle. The shoppers exposed to the yummy smelling candle made more unplanned purchases. In fact, 50 per cent more people made purchases in the cookie room, even though both groups were told that they had a tight budget. Stimulating the appetite causes people to crave immediate gratification. That's where sleeping on it comes into play.

If you walk away from the idea of the buy, giving your

brain enough time to weigh it up you're moving from impulse shopping to problem recognition (and satisfaction).

Don't skip on inspection
There's an alarming trend among the people who are desperate to get into the housing market: they skip a home inspection or, having had one done, they completely ignore the report.

It makes no sense to put good money down on what will likely be your single biggest investment without getting a profes-

sional opinion on the state of property you're considering.

Hire a good home inspector. Please. Currently, only British Columbia and Alberta regulate home inspectors, although Ontario may jump on this bandwagon shortly.

Home inspectors are a dime a dozen, and some are downright awful. But a good one can help you feel confident in laying down your buck-sixty-two

For more advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com. Her column will return Jan. 16.

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Shaping children's futures

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Marie O Connell, 33, Early Childhood Educator.

Back in high school, I was basically the neighbourhood babysitter. Now that I think about it, I feel like I spent most of my Friday and Saturday nights doing arts and crafts with a bunch of five- and six-year-olds. My friends and family always said I'd make a great mom (I'm now a proud mother of two), so naturally I ended up enrolling in the early childhood education program at Red River College when I was 19.

Today I specialize in running before- and after-school programs for children with varying disabilities. In this role, it's important that I keep current in CPR and First Aid certification while maintaining an environment that consistently protects the security, health and well-being of all children up to 12 years.

I love a challenge, and my job certainly comes with several. I must plan and carry out inclusive programs that promote all areas of child development — all while keeping upwards of 15 kids entertained by stories, songs, crafts and snacks. It's a job that requires strong interpersonal skills, flexibility, judgment and a fun personality. If that speaks to any job seekers, I say go for it!



THE BASICS: Early Childhood Educator

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Median annual salary at entry-level, with the capacity to earn upwards of **\$45,000** annually with five or more years of experience.

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Projected rate of job growth over the next eight years.

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HOW TO START

Most ECEs possess a diploma or degree in early childhood education and/or child development. The most direct route would be to enrol in a two-year college program offering field placement opportunities. In most provinces, ECE graduates must obtain formal licensing from a provincial association to practise in the field.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

ECEs work primarily with children from infancy to eight years, and thus have a profound impact on a child's development. Families place their trust in child care centres, nursery schools and the elementary school system to assist in the development of their child. Employment in this sector is expected to remain strong in Canada, especially with the prevalence of newcomer families.

NEXT CAREER STEP

Professionals seeking work opportunities or career advancement may consider joining a recognized affiliation or association, many of which provide members with updates on continuing education courses, networking events and curriculum development strategies. Additionally, employers typically hire professionals with current CPR certification, immunization records and knowledge of the Day Nurseries Act.

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Wayne Rooney tied Bobby Charlton as Manchester United's all-time leading scorer with his 249th goal on Saturday in a 4-0 win over Reading

Green Bay prayers answered by Rodgers

NFL PLAYOFFS

Packers QB tosses up more long-ball magic vs. Giants

Aaron Rodgers, master of the Hail Mary pass, struck again in another big moment.

Rodgers overcame a sluggish start and finished with four touchdown passes, including a momentum-swinging 42-yard heave to Randall Cobb at the end of the second quarter, to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 38-13 win Sunday over the New York Giants in the NFC wild-card game in Wisconsin.

The Packers move on to face the Dallas Cowboys in the divisional round next week.

Rodgers was 25 of 40 for 362 yards, continuing a remarkable run of quarterback play that helped the Packers win their final six games of the regular season to take the NFC North. Cobb finished with five receptions for 116 yards and three scores.

For much of the first half, the Giants' defence flustered the two-time NFL MVP. They got pressure on Rodgers and the secondary blanketed the Packers' talented receiving corps, and a few boos even rained down from the stands after New York built a 6-0 lead on two field goals by Robbie Gould.



Randall Cobb catches a 42-yard touchdown pass on Sunday evening in Green Bay, Wis.

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Saturday

Texans 27, Raiders 14
Seahawks 26, Lions 6

Sunday

Steelers 30, Dolphins 12
Packers 38, Giants 13

As it turned out, Rodgers was just getting started.

"We hit a Hail Mary. That got us going," Rodgers said.

Green Bay scored two touch-

downs in the final 2:20 of the second quarter, punctuated by another remarkable desperation pass by Rodgers.

With the ball on the Giants 42, Rodgers took the snap with six seconds left. He rolled to his right before heaving a throw from about the Packers 47. Cobb somehow got behind three defensive backs near the back of the end zone to haul in the pass, getting both feet down before falling out of bounds.

The Giants looked stunned, just like how the Detroit Lions and Arizona Cardinals looked

last season after Rodgers pulled off similar feats.

"Davante (Adams) made a bunch of plays," Rodgers said. "And Randall Cobb, who this offence has been missing for a long time. We're better with 18 on the field and he showed it tonight."

Rodgers and Cobb weren't done.

They connected again on a 30-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter for a 21-13 lead. That score answered a Giants scoring drive that briefly cut the deficit to one. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER

FIFA primed to expand World Cup

FIFA is set to make the World Cup bigger and richer, even if the price to pay is lower quality soccer.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino hopes his ruling Council will agree Tuesday to expand the 2026 World Cup to 48 nations, playing in 16 groups of three teams.

A decision could be delayed if some Council members demand to know exactly how many qualifying places each continent will get before agreeing to scrap the 32-team format. It has been successful, popular and profitable since

1998 and is locked in for the next two World Cups in Russia and Qatar.

The prize of 16 extra places, and the biggest increases to Africa and Asia, has "overwhelming" support from FIFA's 211 member federations, Infantino has said.

Their promise of extra funding from Zurich could also be secured

by FIFA's forecast 20 per cent rise in rights fees paid by broadcasters and sponsors.

World Cup champion Germany is among those not in favour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The driver should really be the development of football and boosting football all over the world.

President Gianni Infantino

NBA

Penguins pump six pucks past Bolts

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 28 shots in his fifth straight win, leading the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 6-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday.

Fleury, who has not lost in regulation since allowing six goals to the Minnesota on Nov. 25, is 7-0-1 in his last eight decisions.

Connor Sheary had a goal and an assist, and Eric Fehr, Chris Kunitz, Scott Wilson, Phil Kessel and Kris Letang also scored for the Penguins. Sidney Crosby

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and Matt Cullen each two assists.

Jonathan Drouin and Vladislav Namestnikov scored for the Lightning, and Andrei Vasilevski made 31 saves in his third start in four days.

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CANADIAN OPEN

Alberta skip shocks world in Saskatchewan

Casey Scheidegger could only watch last year's Canadian Open. This year she's the women's champion.

Scheidegger, from Lethbridge, Alta., downed Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni 5-4 on Sunday in the Open final to win the title in her Grand Slam of Curling debut.

Scheidegger, third Cary-Anne McTaggart, second Jessie Scheidegger and lead Stephanie Enright trailed 4-3 through six ends, but grabbed one in the seventh and stole another in the eighth to capture the championship

and hand the Swiss skip her first defeat at the triple-knockout tournament.

"We're just so excited," said Scheidegger.

"There isn't much more to say, it was awesome. We're a little bit shocked but that's curling.

Sometimes you get the breaks and we managed to do that. We played well all week so I can't

ask for anything more."

Tirinzoni had won five draws in a row to reach the final through the A-Bracket while Scheidegger nearly had her tournament come to an end on Friday after starting 1-2 in North Battleford, Sask.

Scheidegger kept herself alive with a 7-4 win on Friday night against Winnipeg's Kerri Einar-

We're a little bit shocked but that's curling.

Casey Scheidegger

son in the C-Bracket. Then she pulled off a 9-4 victory against Edmonton's Kelsey Roque Saturday morning to make the playoffs and downed Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones 6-5 in the quarter-finals to reach the semifinals, where she beat Edmonton's Val Sweeting 7-3.

Brad Gushue of St. John's, N.L., threw a perfect 100 per cent in the men's final earlier Sunday to defeat Sweden's Niklas Edin 8-3 and capture his seventh career Grand Slam of Curling title.

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IN BRIEF

Thomas holds on to win Tournament of Champions

Justin Thomas bounced back in time Sunday to hold off Hideki Matsuyama and win the SBS Tournament of Champions.

Thomas closed with a 4-under 69 and ended Matsuyama's bid for a fourth straight win.

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Justin Thomas
GETTY IMAGES

Harden hangs 40-point triple-double on Raptors

James Harden scored 40 points to lift Houston to a 129-122 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday, for the Rockets' eighth consecutive win.

The Raptors' loss spoiled excellent performances from DeMar DeRozan, who had 36 points, and DeMarre Carroll, who had a career-high six three pointers en route to 26 points.

Harden also had 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

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Rissling's commitment undeniable

BOBSLED

Athlete spends heavily aiming to succeed in sport she loves

In sports lore, winning comes down to physical excellence, commitment to training and gritty effort in competition.

But long before any of that has a chance to show itself, success in sports often comes down to money.

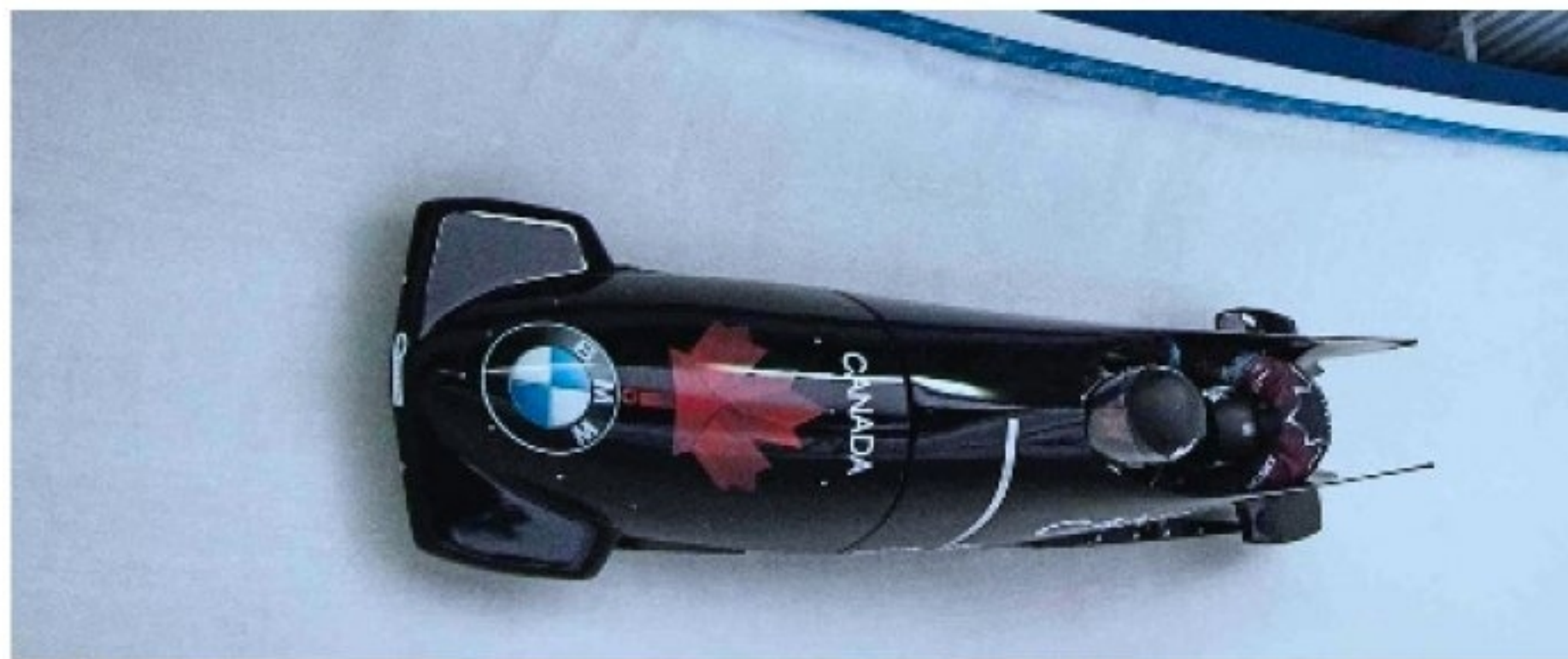
In the early days, it takes parents who can afford equipment, fees and travel — and later on, in the case of an Olympic sport such as bobsled, the willingness to set aside a normal career path and continue to pay to compete.

That's why Alysia Rissling, who has a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology, chooses to wait tables for a living.

"It's the fastest money you can make without the commitment to a schedule," the 28-year-old says. Her one and only commitment right now is to bobsledding, and piloting a sled down an icy track, she's come to discover, is a costly enterprise.

"If I would have known how much this sport would cost me, in terms of sacrifice for my long-term career goals and actual costs, I would never have got into it," she says. "But I got into it, and the more I got into it (the more) I fell in love with the sport and everything else got put on the back burner."

That's why she doubled down ahead of this season, her first on the World Cup circuit, and bought a bobsled she felt was



Alysia Rissling and Melissa Lotholz compete in a women's bobsled race in Whistler, B.C. in 2016. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

fast enough to give her a chance to be competitive.

Paying close to \$100,000 for a sleek black shell on steel runners and not much in the way of steering wasn't in her original plans. She'd hoped to get one from Bobsleigh Canada, but when the team decided to allot a new sled to the men's third-ranked pilot rather than Rissling, the second women's driver, she felt she had no choice. "You come so far and tell yourself: I'm not going to get anywhere unless I really commit to it and purchase myself a competitive sled," the Edmonton native says.

And that's when it turned out that her last job at a diner in Calgary was worth a lot more than minimum wage and tips.

Mark Bishop, a regular customer with time on his hands because of the downturn in the Alberta oil and gas indus-



It's fast. It's light. I'm in love with it. It's the greatest decision I've made.

Alysia Rissling on her new sled called Bagheera, named after the black panther in The Jungle Book movie.

try, made it his project to help secure sponsors so Rissling could buy her sled. "It's fast. It's light," she says of her sled, nicknamed Bagheera after the black panther in The Jungle Book. "I'm in love with it. It's the greatest decision I've made."

Rissling's rise — she placed fourth and fifth in her first two World Cup races this year — along with a few more brakemen willing to pay as much as \$7,000 in fees to compete, brings some much-needed depth to Canada's bobsled team. In recent years, the Canadians haven't had much success behind two-time Olympi-

c champion Kaillie Humphries.

Canada hadn't had two women's sleds on the World Cup circuit since 2014. For much of this season — crucial to qualifying multiple sleds for the 2018 Olympics — there will be three. Humphries, with two golds and a bronze so far this season, continues to lead the way with a pair of strong brakemen, Melissa Lotholz and Cynthia Appiah. Christine de Bruin is piloting the third women's team. Canada also has three sleds on the men's side. Rissling and brakeman Genevieve Thibault race next on Friday in Winterberg,

Germany.

The dream of competing in the Olympics and the love of speed drew Rissling to this sport. But with no engine, her maximum speed down the track depends on how fast she and her brakeman push the sled off the start line. Attracting and retaining quality athletes, particularly on the women's side, is no easy feat. Women still only have a two-person Olympic event while the men have twos and fours, giving male brakemen far more opportunities to compete at the Olympics.

In 2014, bobsled's world governing body made the four-man event gender neutral, technically allowing women to compete, and Humphries has — first with a crew of three men and now with three women. But they'll never be competitive at the World Cup level given the size and strength

difference.

Humphries and Rissling, who has also piloted a sled with three women, are hoping their sport — urged on by the International Olympic Committee's push for gender equality — will eventually give women two events, too.

"If we had more women involved in the sport, we could offer more opportunities to go to the Olympics and you can attract a bigger funding base, but we can't get more women in because we don't have this event to offer," Rissling said.

"It's hard to recruit brakemen coming from other sports where they are getting paid. It's a tough sell," she said, referring to track in particular. Still, it's one that Lotholz, who grew up in a farming family in Barrhead, Alta., jumped at.

The former University of Alberta sprinter was named to Humphries' team two days before she was scheduled to restart classes at the University of Calgary. "Oh, looks like I'm doing bobsled. Drop all classes," Lotholz said, recalling the moment she got the news. "It's a big commitment and a big sacrifice, but it's one of those things. Unless you take big risks, you don't get the rewards."

Last year, Lotholz hit the podium in all eight World Cups and world championships while pushing for Humphries. This year, she and Appiah are sharing that role, and while no athlete wants to sit out a race, it's a sign of growing team depth.

"I believe Canada has the potential to field three strong (women's) teams at the 2018 Olympic Games," Lotholz said.

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Prep time: 5
Cook time: 20
Serves 2

Ingredients

- 2 pitas
- 1 cup passata (or tomato or pizza sauce)
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups mozzarella, grated
- 1/4 cup crisply fried bacon, crumbled
- Few leaves of basil
- 2 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F. Place pitas on baking sheet. Pour tomato sauce on pitas and spread around. Leave a little edge clear of sauce all the way around.

2. Sprinkle cheese on each pita and push out the edges so you make a nest for each egg. Sprinkle basil and bacon around the edge of cheese nest. Gently crack an egg in the middle.

3. Slide sheet carefully into oven. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, depending on how done you like your eggs.

4. Use a spatula to move egg pizza to a cutting board where you'll cut each pizza into four. Serve with slices of avocado, sour cream and a bit of salsa. Enjoy!

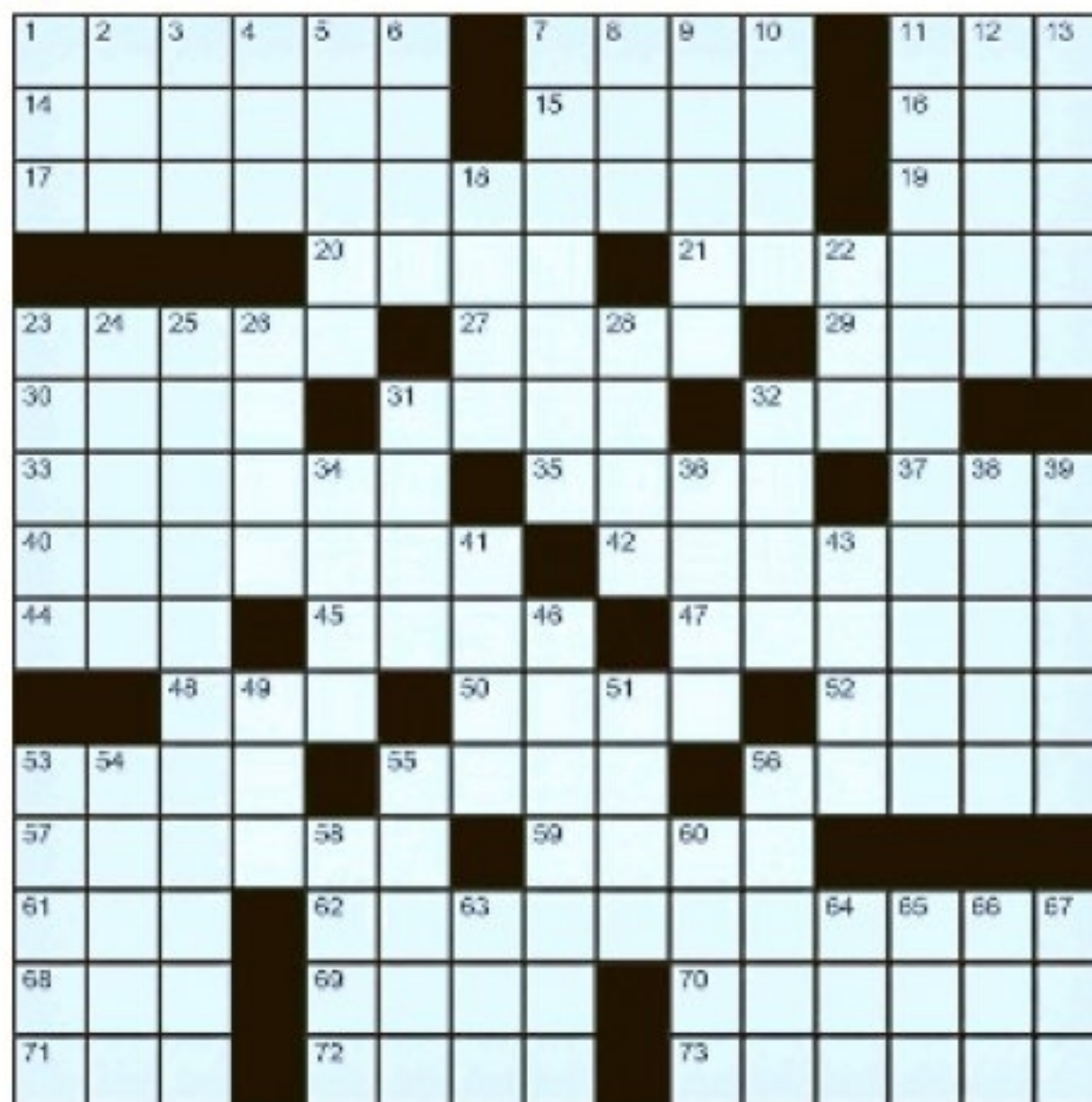
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18. Fashion brand, ___ Ricci
22. Goalie's area
23. On ___ (Doing fantastic)
24. Mush (Recipe instruction)
25. Ontario's 400-series highways are the setting of Discovery Channel Canada's new series "___": 401
26. Lazily
28. Condition
31. England: Newcastle upon ___
32. ___ & Chandon Champagne
34. Shopper's reference
36. Large laceration
38. Lock horns
39. Hallmark inners
41. Earth goddess of ancient Greece
43. ___ crackers
46. Hits the pick-et line
49. "Gross!"
51. Penny
53. Chows
54. Russia's currency
55. Boston hockey player
56. Heavenly hats
58. Taro root
60. Funny lady Imogene
63. French vineyard
64. Stovetop setting
65. White House nickname
66. Zilch
67. Congeal

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Think twice before you get into an argument with someone today, especially a sibling or relative, because you might regret it. Remember: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day to make important financial decisions, because you are not 100 per cent sure about what you want to do. You're also not 100 per cent sure of the facts.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Be patient when talking with parents, bosses and authority figures today, because people are confused and impatient. Don't get involved. And never underestimate the power of courtesy.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because these arguments will be pointless. There's too much confusion, and too much anger.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you need to sort out matters related to inheritances or shared property, wait another day, because this is not the day to do it. Truthfully, your heart is not in it. These talks will fail.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It's easy to be quarrelsome with partners and close friends today, which is why this is a poor day for important discussions. This also is the classic day where people can kid themselves. It's not good.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid sensitive subjects like politics and religion today, especially with coworkers. These conversations will go south in a New York minute. Who needs this? Not you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Postpone financial discussions for another day, especially about the shared cost of raising children or a social event. This is not a good day for this kind of thing.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be accommodating with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. In addition, Neptune and Mars are causing you to confuse an issue. Go gently.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Keep your head down and your powder dry today when you're at work. Don't go looking for trouble. It will find you. Both Mars and Neptune will introduce confusion and anger to your discussions.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Parents should be patient with their kids today, because it's a confusing day. Likewise, it's a confusing day for romance.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Postpone important family discussions for another day because today confusion and heated emotions will color everything. Lighten up. You'll be glad you did later.

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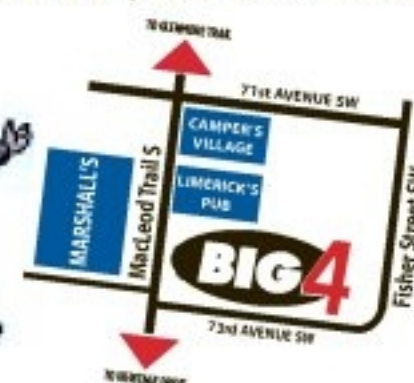
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